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Salary gap probed, action taken

◆ NCSU officials use faculty salary studies to begin narrowing the gender and racial gap.

Lauren Deere
Staff Reporter

N.C. State is setting the precedent. It is not uncommon for universities to annually study faculty salaries, but NCSU is the first UNC System school to put aside specific dollars to nip salary inequities in the bud.

Study findings indicate that out of 1,581 faculty members at NCSU, on average, female faculty members earn about \$1,000 less than white males in the same position. In addition, minority, male faculty members earn about \$2,000 less than white males, on average.

NCSU officials estimate that 237 out of 371 women and 134 out of 161 minority men will be eligible for pay increases to compensate for gender and race salary gaps. The salary increases

will be retroactive from July 1, 2001, and were enacted this fall semester.

The university's first step in correcting gender- and race-related salary discrepancies is allotting \$600,000, plus benefits, to increase the salary of 371 faculty members. The money will come from the tuition increase.

NCSU has been performing gender-equity studies for about 20 years, according to Provost Stuart Cooper. He attributed NCSU's action to a more professional study and a combination of both the consultant's and the university's methodology.

In the past, Cooper said the studies were more informal. And in effect, though discrepancies were noted, the university did not initially respond.

In October, The News & Observer reported that neither UNC-Chapel Hill nor Duke University had turned to outside consultants to keep track of salary inequities.

"We don't have to be

ashamed," said Cooper. "We want to fix it."

The consultant, Lois Haignere of Albany, N.Y., was hired by NCSU to complete the study of faculty salaries for fall 2000.

"I was thrilled that someone did a study," said Angela Davis-Gardner, associate professor of English. "It's a beginning."

The study also found inequities—higher-ranking faculty positions on campus. At NCSU, women hold a disproportionately large share of visiting professor positions, which pay less, and men hold more research positions, which pay more. Women are less likely to have been named distinguished professors, and minorities are less likely to have departmental administrative positions than white men are.

News of the salary increases for the 371 faculty members boosted the spirits of many.

"Overall, this was a wonderful development," said Davis-Gardner. "It certainly did a lot for my morale."



A hawk, perched in a tree on the NCSU campus between Witherspoon and Tucker, joins into one member of the abundant squirrel population.

Tuition payment deadline reminder

◆ University Cashier's Office urges students to return payment and financial aid on time.

News Staff Report

As the semester draws to a close, students tend to focus on the joys and pains of finishing up the fall semester. However, the University Cashier's Office doesn't want students to fall behind on preparations for the spring semester and risk losing their registration.

They would like to remind students that anyone signed up for the spring semester through TRACS should have their full payment or complete financial aid information returned to the University Cashier's Office by

the billing statement due date. Delinquent payment will result in the cancellation of their registration.

In addition, there have been changes to the previous financial aid policy. Rather than picking financial aid checks up at the Cashier's Office, checks will be mailed directly to the student's university correspondence address. Those signed up for direct deposit will receive their funds as usual.

The office also encourages all students to enroll in the direct deposit program to ease distribution. To enroll in direct deposit, you must complete and return a Direct Deposit Consent form to the Cashier's Office. Additional information, including the consent form, can

be found at <http://www.fis.ncsu.edu/cashier/fadd/index.html>.

Those receiving non-university scholarships should come by the Cashier's Office immediately after the semester begins to sign for their financial aid scholarship. It is crucial that students follow these instructions each term, as failure to do so may result in financial aid funds being returned to the lender or sponsoring agency.

Disbursement hours are 8:30 a.m. — 3 p.m. weekdays during the first week of classes and 8 a.m. — 5 p.m. weekdays thereafter. Any other questions can be answered at 515-2986 or toll free at 888-NCSUUCO.

Added stress becomes the trend as deadlines quickly approach

◆ According to some counselors, there are several practical ways that students can manage stress.

Jaelyn Leary

The Round Up (New Mexico State U.)

(U-WIRE) LAS CRUCES, N.M. — It's that time of the semester again, when papers are due, tests need to be taken, projects are nearing deadline and of course, finals are almost here.

For some students, all of these things piled on top of stresses from family and relationships, not to mention planning for the holidays, can prove to be overwhelming.

Stress is defined by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention as the way an individual responds to a challenge or a threat and most will not dispute the challenges involved in working towards obtaining a degree.

It is not unusual for students to feel especially stressed out during this time of the year, but when irritability, frustration, insomnia, headaches, back aches, a lower concentration level, changes in eating habits and the feeling that you have been working hard but are getting nothing done follow then looking for ways to reduce stress may be necessary.

The good news is that there are several practical ways that students can manage stress.

"It's extremely important to find little ways to give yourself a break, read a book (other than a text book), relax, or be with friends," Dr. Corey Vas of the New Mexico State University Counseling Center said.

"Scheduling time effectively, and being aware of what is coming up is very important so that there is time available to do these things. "I've never met a person who couldn't find 10 minutes in their day to take a break and con-

centrate on themselves," Vas said.

In order to find that time it may be necessary to minimize the stress that you don't need to be involved with, which may mean giving up certain activities that add stress but provide no benefits.

"We understand that you can't completely shut down, but just pay attention to where your time goes," Vas said.

It is also very important to find balance between all the elements in a student's stressful life. It is necessary to study and plan for the future, but it is also necessary to find times to relax, both in social settings with friends and alone, in addition to studying and concentrating on school.

Even going out to the bar with friends may be a good way to relieve some stress as long as it is done in moderation. Binge drinking, on the other hand, may make the person less functional and cause the person's memory and concentration level to be less effective, Vas said.

Some may turn to drugs or alcohol to get away from the stress they may be under as a way to medicate and numb out feelings and to avoid their problems.

"Avoidance is not the way to deal — your problems are still waiting there when you come down," Vas said.

For most, avoidance in this sense is not the problem, but rather the problem lies in avoiding deadlines until the night before the test or the paper is due.

Because of this procrastinating nature, college students may also find that their sleep patterns are different when they are under pressure and stay up late to finish assignments and study. "That's understandable, but if time is scheduled effectively students should be able to maintain a regular sleeping pattern, which is important," Vas said.

Exercise is also an important factor in maintaining good mental health and it is important to make time to focus on physical health as

well. "Exercise in general can produce more motivation and is really a natural antidepressant and stress reliever," Vas said.

Eating right can also help in maintaining energy to accomplish all the tasks that need to be completed. Fast food may seem like the most obvious way to save time when the pressure is on, but in the end, a healthy diet may actually allow more to be accomplished in a shorter amount of time and motivates the body to be more productive, Vas said.

Vas has been researching a technique called biofeedback, which is a simple way to relax by slowing down breathing and taking long, slow, deep breaths. This technique may be very beneficial to people who live busy lives because it can be done anywhere, including in class or at a spotlight, and it takes only a few minutes.

"It's a chance to give yourself a break and concentrate on nothing else but your breathing — it's very calming," Vas said.

Using available campus resources can also be helpful in relieving stress. Resources like Placement and Career Services can help to find employment and relieve some of the stress of figuring out what to do after graduation. Tutors are also available and may be able to help students meet their academic challenges. Intramural sports, campus ministry programs and clubs are also available to offer a convenient way to be involved in some social activities on campus.

For some students, going home for the holidays can also act as a stressor, especially if they are going home for the first time.

"Since they have been away from home tremendous changes have happened within themselves and they may need to reinterpret the way the family will work," Vas said.

In this case, taking with friends

Finding its place

◆ The Delta Lambda Phi National Social Fraternity finds a home at N.C. State.

Raheeb Sullivan
Staff Reporter

On Nov. 17 three years of hard work and struggle were finally rewarded for members of the Beta Alpha chapter of Delta Lambda Phi National Social Fraternity. On this date, the fraternity was officially chartered at N.C. State.

But what sets Delta Lambda Phi apart from the forty-plus Greek organizations at NCSU is that this fraternity is made up of progressive men who are gay or bisexual.

Delta Lambda Phi was established by Vernon L. Strickland III on Oct. 15, 1996, in Washington D.C. Strickland's goal was to create a fraternity where gay and bisexual men would be accepted in a nurturing and caring environment.

The members of DLP abide by the organization's three key principles: to promote dignified and purposeful social and recreational activities for progressive men, regardless of sexual orientation; to lead in determining the rights and privileges of individuals in society; and to present a strong and positive image which

respects the diversity of all individuals, regardless of sexual orientation.

In the fall of 1998, Clayton T. Wilkerson and Marshall Smith internalized that philosophy by taking the initiative to establish a DLP chapter at NCSU.

In the past three years, DLP has gone through six pledge classes—this is how long it took them before they had the required amount of members to officially become a fraternity.

On this three-year expedition to become chartered, DLP encountered tremendous amounts of support. The offices of Greek Life, Tom Stafford and Chancellor Marvyn Anne Fox, to name a few, made an otherwise challenging task into an easy one for DLP.

The founders knew what they wanted to accomplish, yet getting the chapter started was a huge challenge in itself. The main problem that DLP faced was finding ways in which to publicize the fraternity to students.

In the beginning, DLP was labeled as a special interest group and not a fraternity.

"Finding out how to do the publicity was really challenging for us," said Marshall Smith, who is one of the founding members and is now a current

alumni member. Smith added that another challenge included,

"trying to get in contact with the right people at the right times to fill out the right forms so that we could become a registered organization."

"It was a lot rougher than I anticipated," said Clayton Wilkerson, another founding member and current chapter president. "You have to get people to be as passionate about it as you are for the fraternity, and also see the vision that you have."

Some of their recruitment methods included mailing lists, contacts through other clubs on campus, fliers, emails and publications.

While there are currently many productive homosexual and bisexual organizations on campus, Wilkerson feels there was still a void on the campus.

"We didn't really have a social group where gay, bisexual and progressive males could go just to have friends outside of the other outlets that you'd try to meet people," said Wilkerson.

DLP isn't open to only gay and bisexual males. There are heterosexual members in DLP chapters throughout the country and Smith says that the doors

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War complicates role in AIDS fight

AS WORLD AIDS DAY APPROACHES, THE UNITED STATES' \$200 MILLION DONATION TO THE GLOBAL FUND PUT THE UNITED NATIONS WELL SHORT OF ITS GOAL.

With World AIDS Day approaching on Dec. 1, the United Nations is trying to drum up support internationally for the fight against the disease. It says affects 36 million people worldwide. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan has been outspoken on the United Nations' campaign against AIDS. Annan proposed that a global fund be created to fight AIDS, along with malaria and tuberculosis.

Advocates for the fight against AIDS, however, have complained that the United States' devotion has been "shameful," as evidenced by its mere \$200 million donation to the fund in May. Critics complain that the United States, which is often viewed as a leader in international affairs, has set a disappointingly low bar with its donation. Indeed, no single donation to the fund as of August has exceeded \$300 million. The United Kingdom, Italy and Japan have matched the U.S. contribution.

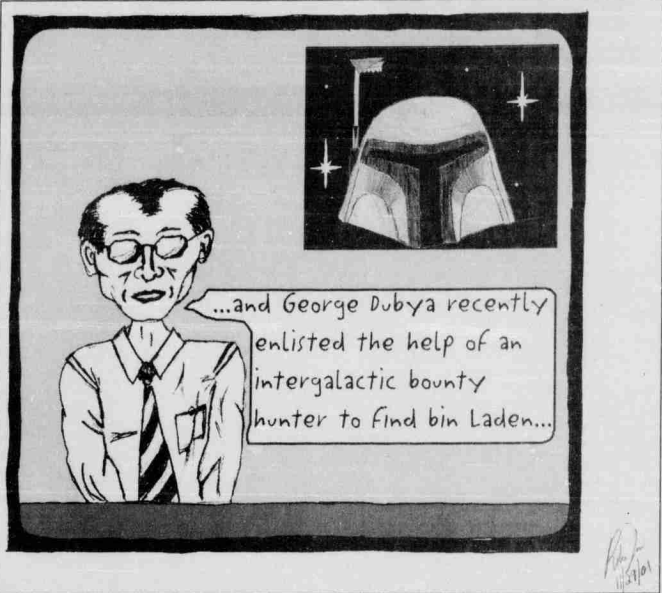
Secretary-General Annan had proposed for the fund to have \$7 to 10 billion by Dec. 15, but donations as of August have only totaled \$1.5 billion. The target set by Annan would have provided \$235 per year for AIDS patients in poor countries. In industrial countries such as the United States, AIDS patients typically spend \$12,000 per year for treatments that include the latest retroviral drugs.

As the United States deals with its

war on terrorism abroad and at home, the international AIDS epidemic has taken a back seat along with many other domestic and international issues. With the prospect of prolonged military engagement and budget deficits for the next three years, expectations of significant U.S. involvement in the AIDS fight are a bit unrealistic. Moreover, U.S. participation in numerous other aid projects should be considered before making broad criticisms of the May donation.

Putting the current war aside, however, the Bush administration should certainly have donated more than the \$200 million pledged at the beginning of the year. While the administration said that international would help jump-start the fund by encouraging "billions" in donations from parties around the world, critics claim that the amount set a low bar seems to be correct.

Noting the Bush administration's newfound emphasis on multilateral cooperation in its anti-terrorism efforts, the administration should also seek to be a part of multilateral efforts where the interests of the United States are not necessarily the central concern. Such reciprocity lessens accusations of hypocrisy from critics. The United Nations has endeavored to fight AIDS globally, and in this fight, the United States should play a role that is comparable to what it asks for internationally in its fight against terrorism.



Schools are making it tough for the military



Holly Bezat

STAFF COLUMNIST

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Afghanistan continues for years, the U.S. Defense Department will have to increase the yearly quota.

The military recruiters depend a lot on public high schools around the country. Since there is no draft, the recruiters have to find different ways to reach students and others who may be interested in joining the military.

Unfortunately, the recruiters are facing a large obstacle. Approximately 31 percent of the nation's public high schools forbid or limit campus visits by the military and refuse to provide the armed forces with student contact information. This, in turn, is making it more difficult for the recruiters to fill their quotas and is forcing them to work harder to find students in places such as malls or bowling alleys.

If Congress passes an amendment to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, these limits could be lifted. The bill, which has gotten the

green light in committee, requires public schools to release the names, addresses and phone numbers of all high school seniors unless their parents say no.

A previous statute that was enacted over the summer required schools to give military recruiters the same access as other recruiters, unless the local school board votes to restrict that access.

However, the public schools are still trying to dance around the statute by allowing university and corporation recruiters access while limiting access to military recruiters. There is no difference between military and college recruiting, and, in fact, the military provides a college education for many people. The armed forces also provide jobs that can rival those that corporations offer. To refuse access to military recruiters is ridiculous and makes the school appear as though it does not support the country.

The decision to not release contact information is understandable; the student and his or her parents should give permission first. But there is no way for a student who is interested in the armed forces to gain information in time to join upon completion of high school without the student being allowed to provide the contact information to the recruiters.

One House representative, Johnny Isakson, who has aggressively backed the bill, has spoken to the education secretary about withholding federal

funds from public schools that ignore the legislation. This move is unlikely to occur, but to even consider the idea is absurd. The United States is experiencing budget cuts all over the country, with education facing the worst. Before budget cuts, especially in North Carolina, education was receiving the scraps from the table, and now it is experiencing worse neglect. Even thinking of restricting funds to schools is a travesty in these times.

The schools denying military recruiters access need to wake up and smell the coffee. We need to allow the recruiters to do their job in the schools — the places from which the most new recruits come. This need is especially strong now as we are fighting Afghanistan and will be so for the duration of the war.

The schools should not be forced to give recruiters the contact information of their students unless the parents allow it or if the students are of legal age to decide for themselves. The schools should not face federal funding cuts if they refuse to comply.

A common ground must be established, and soon.

The U.S. Navy tried to recruit Holly for their nuclear program, but she decided against it as she spilled soda on the letter and tripped on her shoelace. E-mail her at pat_rute@yahoo.com.

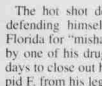
RULE OF THUMB

Horowitz at UNC



Regardless of whether we're liberal, conservative or even communist, we all like it when someone pisses off the Tar Heels. David Horowitz, a one-man conservative think tank, surely succeeded in doing this when he spoke on campus Wednesday night. Combine this with an 0-3 basketball start, and what more could we ask for?

F. Lee Bailey disbarred



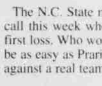
The hot shot defense attorney could have used a little defending himself this week when he was disbarred in Florida for "mishandling" nearly \$6 million in stock owned by one of his drug-smuggling clients. Bailey was given 30 days to close out his practice in Florida and to drop that stipend. From his legal name.

"Millionaire" in the red



Who wants to be canceled? The novelty of the once-bit quiz show is apparently wearing off as ratings continue to drop despite scaling back airings from five days to two days a week. In what would be a lateral movement, ABC announced they were considering leaving the show out of their fall lineup next year.

Men's Basketball



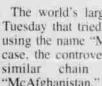
The N.C. State men's basketball team received a wake-up call this week when the Ohio State Buckeyes handed it its first loss. Who would've known that a) every team wouldn't be as easy as Prairieview A&M and b) you can't win a game against a real team shooting 25 percent?

El Rodeo



El Rodeo. That's "The Rodeo," for those non-Spanish speaking readers out there. The Mexican restaurant reopened recently after fire damaged it this summer. New inside. Same old charm and budget-priced cuisine.

McDonald's Corp.



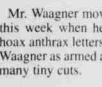
The world's largest restaurant chain lost a court battle Tuesday that tried to keep a British-based restaurant from using the name "McChina." Although McDonald's lost the case, the controversy prompted the abandonment of other similar chain names such as "McIraq" and "McAfghanistan."

Weather this week



Take the phrase "Christmas in July," switch it around, take out the "in," and what do you have? "July Christmas." The sun is shining. Birds are chirping. People are wearing shorts. This weather is ideal... except for the fact that this usually happens in March.

Clayton Lee Waagner



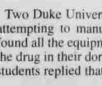
Mr. Waagner moved further up the FBI's most wanted list this week when he was revealed to be behind nearly 280 hoax anthrax letters sent to abortion clinics. Experts describe Waagner as armed and dangerous, with a swollen tongue and many tiny cuts.

Public media approval



The results of a poll conducted this month reveal that the media is slowly regaining respectability in the public's eyes. Out of 1,500 adults surveyed, three-quarters rate coverage on the war as good or excellent, with the other quarter replying, "which war... the 'war on terror,' the 'war on terrorism,' the 'war on Afghanistan,' the 'war on bin Laden,' need I go on?"

Duke 'pharmacy' students



Two Duke University students were arrested yesterday for attempting to manufacture "X" (ecstasy) when authorities found all the equipment and chemicals necessary for making the drug in their dorm room. When asked for a comment, the students replied that they were "Xtra bummed."

The drama junkies



Thomas Bakane

STAFF COLUMNIST

Dionysus, who, incidentally, is the god of empathy, wine and other indulgent things. I don't think it was the sacrificing of a singing goat that gave "tragedy" its name; it was the fact that it was a sacrifice to the god of emotional charity.

Dramatic tragedies were created to be an emotional feast for the audience. Witnessing dramatic events, either in your own life or others, is a very good outlet for the built-up anxiety that we all occasionally suffer from.

Maybe that's why soap operas and reality TV shows are such a hit. We all have little miniature tragedies that happen in our own lives, like three tests in one day or a paper to do at the last minute. But it's never anything like the stuff on TV or in movies. After watching a good drama, you experience that emotional feast, and you feel a little

lighter than before. It's depressing and satisfying at the same time.

But there are those who take these things a little too seriously. Some people are hooked to drama and need it like a Backstreet Boy needs hair spray. Everybody knows at least one person like this. These drama junkies can be characterized by their ridiculous addiction to daytime soaps and taped episodes of "Big Brother." You know it's really hard when you catch them watching soaps they can't even understand on Univision.

If you might suspect someone of having this affliction, there's one symptom that's easy to look for. It's a pretty normal thing to expect someone to talk about themselves for hours on end. It's good to take pride in who you are. But if someone spends more time telling you about their friends' problems, there's a good chance they are infected. Drama junkies can recount the words of every argument every one of their friends have had. Whether it's an accurate account might be questionable.

Most of the time, they twist things around to be a little more entertaining or appealing to their own appetite. I don't think the junkies are intentionally out to hurt anyone, they just have an insatiable urge to make things more interesting. They sacrifice truth for fiction as long as it makes for good conversation. This is usually only true in the tales they tell about others, keeping

their own lives private. Such secrecy might be for good reason. Spending most of the day watching "stories" on TV and memorizing the activities of more productive people does not make for an eventful life.

This is where the drama junkies need us. Yes, they can be helped. If anyone you know behaves like this, don't turn your back on her or him. Besides the fact that they might sick a big fat knife in it, it is your duty to help them realize what they are doing. What they need is a hobby or something productive to do with their time. Give them a coloring book, something shiny to play with, or change the channel on their television — "Sports Center" comes on ESPN at least four times a day.

Dramatic tragedy can be a wonderful thing. It's best experienced in the movies or, better yet, live theater. You can really vent your emotions and learn a lot about life and human interaction. We have to respect drama for what it can do for us and not abuse it. Thankfully, most know where to draw the line. Fantastic stories are best left in the fantasy world.

Tommy has class during "The Young and the Restless." If you could tape it for him, let him know at tubakane@hotmail.com.

CAMPUS FORUM

Christianity fundamental to founding

I have found it humorous that someone would have the audacity to state mere cliché as fact regarding the "separation of church and state." Last time I checked the Constitution of the United States, I did not find this. I challenge you to find this phrase in the Constitution. I also disagree wholeheartedly in the assertion that our forefathers wanted to separate church and state. Nothing could be further from the truth. Here are a few examples. Trinity Decision of the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1892, the court completed a 10-year examination of all of the documentation, which amounted to thousands of pages, concerning our founding. They came to a unanimous conclusion that these add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances that this is a Christian nation. John Quincy Adams stated, "The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: it connected in an indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity."

1790s. The largest congregation in America at one time was meeting in, of all places, the House of Representatives! Weekly worship services once boasted an attendance of 2,000! Oh yes, and I did in fact find the separation of Church and state in the constitution of the United States in Article 52, the U.S.S.R that is. Also, please don't assume that getting rid of Good Friday is by any means constitutional. Last time I checked, the U.S. government had no right to disadvantage me because of my religious beliefs. For proof, I need't go any further than the NCSU legislation that passed stating that Muslims and Jews must be allowed an easier examination and deadline period during their holy times.

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Discussion requires examination of Islamic scripture

Justin Greene, in his Wednesday column "Graham hits a high note," made the important point that there are many irreconcilable differences between Christianity, Islam, Buddhism and many other religions. For example, Christians believe that Christ is the Son of God, and Muslims believe that he was simply a prophet. This is merely one point of disagreement. Against the backdrop of Justin Greene's article, Wednesday's front-page covering the panel discussion on Islam reads quite differently. I do agree strongly with the article that "to blame all Muslims for the actions of one man — Osama bin Laden — is wrong."

what the Koran really says about issues such as holy war and women. On those issues, I feel very uninformed by the media. I recently received a list of related verses and references from the Koran that I found quite interesting. The following are a few of the verses: 9:123: "O you who believe! Fight those of the disbelievers who are near to you, and let them find harshness in you, and know that Allah is with those who keep their duty." 49:15: "The believers are those only who believe in Allah and His messenger and afterward doubt not, but strive with their wealth and their lives for the cause of Allah. Such are the sincere." 9:73: "O Prophet! Strive against the disbelievers and the hypocrites! Be harsh with them. Their ultimate abode is hell, a hapless journey's end." 9:5: "Then, when the sacred months have passed, slay the idolaters wherever you find them, and take them captive, and besiege them, and prepare for them each ambush. But if they repent and establish worship and pay the poor-due, then leave their way free. Lo! Allah is Forgiving, Merciful." 8:39: "And fight them until persecution is no more, and religion is all for Allah. But if they cease, then lo! Allah is Seer of what they do." Again, I claim to be no expert on Islam, but I do believe that all should seek to be educated about its scripture and claims, just as we should go to the Bible to study Christianity, we should go to the Koran to study Islam. How can we understand the differences between these verses and what we read in the newspapers every day? Let's all become more informed about these issues. Remember, it is not wrong question what we hear!

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Most parents would probably get a good laugh if they showed their children to punish themselves. It would indeed be quite amusing to hear how a trip to Dairy Queen would teach young Billy not to hit balls through the neighbor's window or how a new pony would teach Sue not to rifle through her mother's makeup. While a child's suggestion can bring tender moments of humor into a parent's life, the fact remains that children cannot be trusted to punish themselves because they do not have the will or interest to fundamentally curb their enjoyable, but bad, behavior.

It turns out that the same is true for multibillion-dollar, monopolistic corporations.

Saved already by the Bush administration, which stepped into the judicial process and called off the Department of Justice, Microsoft still faces numerous lawsuits from states and private individuals. In an effort to get rid of most of these lawsuits, Microsoft has released a settlement proposal that rivals the humorlessness of Billy or Sue's proposals, but lacks their childlike innocence.

In a heartwarming show of corporate responsibility, Microsoft's settlement targets upwards of \$1.1 billion to more than 14,000 of the nation's poorest schools (as defined by having 70 percent of its population qualify for federal free- or reduced-lunch programs). Microsoft would supply \$900 million in software to these schools along

From the mouths of babes

with 200,000 refurbished laptops and PCs. Ninety million would be provided for teacher technology training, while \$38 million would be provided for tech support. Microsoft would spend \$250 million, with \$200 million in matched funds, setting up a foundation to oversee the proper use of the money. An additional \$100 million would go to teach students how to support and service computers and networks.

Such a proposal, with its overt focus on education, is a clear attempt to win good publicity while, more subtly, doubling as a business coup. If U.S. District Court Judge J. Frederick Moltz approves the settlement, Microsoft may well have gotten the government to buy it a banana split sundae. Essentially, all Microsoft's proposal does is allow it to make inroads into one of the few markets it doesn't completely monopolize without having to compete in an open market and without allowing its "beneficiaries" any choice in what help they want.

First, if one makes the reasonable assumption that the targeted schools would not have bought \$900 million in Microsoft software on their own, then Microsoft is not actually losing \$900 million in giving away its software — it is only losing the cost to duplicate and package the software. The money for teacher training only serves to indoctrinate educators in the "Microsoft Way." A large part of the money for tech support goes back to Microsoft as schools deal with problems in the software. The program to train students is little more than the first few steps toward some sort of Microsoft certification.

Serily, Microsoft's proposal continues in the company's tradition of circumventing principles of the free market. Apple Computer's 47 percent share

of the education market makes it the largest player in one of the few markets not already dominated by Microsoft. Microsoft's proposal would flood the education market with an absurd amount of goods without giving its competitors the chance to compete fairly against it. In what is perhaps a brazen display of irony, Microsoft hopes to use the government as a vehicle for its monopolistic tactics.

Ensuring its success in creating a new market, Microsoft's settlement makes it effectively impossible for the targeted schools to do anything but choose Microsoft products. Noting their financial situation, the targeted schools really have no choice in whether they want Microsoft products; they will take what they can get. Afterwards, these schools are beholden to Microsoft through future upgrades. Whether the schools actually want Microsoft products is not an important part of the settlement.

Make no mistake: The government has already ruled that Microsoft is guilty of being a monopoly. The courts should now mete out a sentence that is in proportion to Microsoft's crimes and would prevent the company from behaving similarly in the future. Microsoft's current proposal is certainly amenable. If it gave \$1.1 billion in actual money to schools, the anti-competitive characteristics of its current proposal could be eliminated. Don't expect such a suggestion to come from Microsoft's own mouth, though.

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are also wide open in the NCSU chapter for heterosexual males who feel that the fraternity is right for them, and who would feel comfortable in DLP.

DLP's plan for the future is synonymous with every other Greek organization in existence today—longevity. Members of DLP agree that the recruitment of new members will not only increase their presence on campus, but

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will also supply them with a secure and confident future. Their knowledge on how to organize and maintain a fraternal organization, plus more community activity, will establish them as a key component to NCSU's Greek life.

In DLP's three years of existence, they have already repeatedly participated in the annual AIDS Walk, Evening With Friends, which is another AIDS fund raising charity and Service Raleigh.

For more information on Delta Lambda Phi visit their Web Site at www.ncsufrat.org.

or other people who can offer support like a counselor or someone from his or her church may help.

Even if going home for the holidays is not particularly stressful, the rapid change in routine may cause the body to shut down too fast and may cause illness. In order to keep from being sick during the holiday break, Vas said, it is important to remember to take little breaks now, maintain a healthy lifestyle and reduce all the unneeded stress.

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—LEONARD COHEN, HALLELUJAH

Maxine and the samurai cat Matajuro have left the safe quarters of Mount Futara, where the feline's master Banzo resides, always perfecting his meditations.

The two venture some 300 miles southwest to the impact zone of the once-bustling futuristic metropolis of Achillia. They search for survivors of the city, as a doomsday comet has lain waste to the urban district.

They soon discover a group of chalky-white skeleton men worshipping a stranglely familiar figure. The pair hide behind a rock in hopes of remaining undiscovered.

But, alas, they are spotted and the horrible spirit the skeleton men have conjured seems hell-bent in destroying Maxine. The spectre aglow sends Maxine hurtling into a canyon wall. Hurt and defiant, she is not deterred.

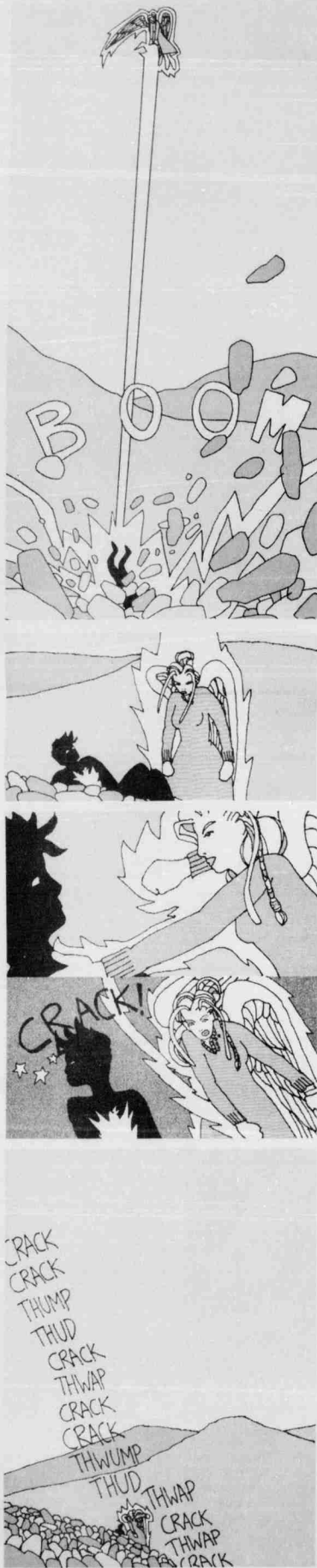
With furious strength Maxine lifts the malicious shadow-daemon over her head and prepares to drive him into the stoney earth, as a spear into a watery stream.

But as she holds him over her head she feels him stop kicking...and she ponders reasoning with the evil ghost...but Maxine isn't the sweetest thing herself.

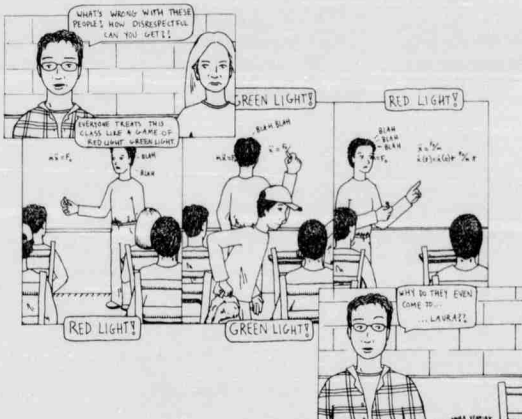
But what has become of her compatriot, Matajuro? The feline eyes the skeleton-men with nerves of steel 'till a strange transformation occurs before his furry self. Lo! The strange conjurers merge into a giant skeleton titan, smashing wildy at the pussy cat, who leaps to avoid the thrashing blows. Though it looks like it may be the end for our fuzzy hero when the monster claps his gargantuan hands, the entity is surprised to find the samurai atop his head.

Reacting quickly, Matajuro plunges his sword into the head of the monster and watches as the beast dissolve back into the seven conjurers it was previously.

Maxine continues to pummel the shadow-spirit who had previously caused her so much grief.



i.q. prerequisite by laura venning



rat and guy by john west



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No games scheduled

Football @ Bowl Game, TBD
M. Basketball vs. UMass, 12/1, 2:30
W. Basketball vs. Tenn., 12/2, 1:00
Wrestling @ Las Vegas Open, 11/30



Friday Sports



Pack faces Minutemen's charge

◆ The basketball team hopes to rebound from its first loss of the season Saturday against Massachusetts.

Billy Freeman

Staff Writer

With an all-time record of 34-9 in the friendly confines of the Entertainment and Sports Arena, N.C. State will try to add another win to that total in its matchup with Massachusetts Saturday. The Wolfpack has started the 2001-02 season well at home, winning all five contests in the ESA this year.

State (5-1) had been solid in nearly every statistical category until it traveled to Ohio State for its first road

game in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. The Pack shot only 27.3 percent from the floor and an even more sour 14.8 percent from behind the three-point arc en route to suffering a 64-50 loss.

WHAT:

M. BASKETBALL Despite the shooting difficulties at OSU, the team has been fairly accurate this season, connecting on nearly half of its attempts from the floor.

WHEN:

SATURDAY, 2:30 P.M.

WHERE:

ESA

Powell has dropped in 59.5 percent of his field goals this season to lead the team. Powell is averaging 10.3 points

and one block per game.

Although senior Anthony Grundy flows in and out of his offensive rhythm, he has been consistently strong on the defensive end. He has 11 steals through the first six games and is averaging 13.5 points per game.

The Minutemen (3-0) come into the ESA riding a three-game winning streak, but this will be their first game away from home. The Pack hasn't faced UMass since 1995 in Hawaii at the Rainbow Classic. UMass, which was ranked No. 1 in the nation at the time, pulled off the 87-68 win.

The Minutemen's center Micah Brand is second on the team, averaging 13 points per game while shooting a healthy 66.7 percent from the field and

also pulling down 5.3 rebounds per game.

Senior guard Shannon Crooks leads the team with an average of 14.3 points per game. Crooks does most of most of his damage behind the three-point line, knocking down 42.9 percent of his attempts.

While State may give the green light to most of its players to shoot from downtown, UMass has proved to be more consistent from long range. So far this season, the Pack has hit only 31.9 percent of three-point attempts, and the Minutemen have connected on 41.5 percent of their attempts.

"We relied too heavily on [three-point shooting against OSU]," said



Clifford Crawford and the Wolfpack will attempt to get back on track Saturday against UMass.

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Disney hosts top-10 showdown

◆ The N.C. State women's basketball team heads to Orlando, Fla., to play No. 2 Tennessee.

Memie Ezike

Staff Writer

What is the Wonderful World of Disney? A place where you can shake Mickey's and Minnie's hands, ride the legendary Space Mountain and get married in front of Cinderella's Castle on "Family Matters?"

Oh, yeah, and you can also play in one of the biggest women's basketball games in the nation so far this season.

WHAT: The No. 8 N.C. State Wolfpack players (6-0) will pack their bags and travel to Orlando, Fla., for a showdown with the No. 2 Tennessee Volunteers (4-0) in front of a nationally televised audience on ESPN at 1 p.m. on Saturday in the Honda Elite Classic. It will be a huge game for both teams, as head coaches Kay Yow of State and Pat Summitt of Tennessee try to gauge their teams' early-season performance.

State is full of confidence after turning in a dominating performance against Charleston Southern on Wednesday night. The Pack dominated the Buccaneers in the paint while shooting a phenomenal 80.8 percent in the

second half en route to a 99-45 blowout at Reynolds Coliseum.

The Vols are also coming off a dominating win at No. 21 George Washington, forcing the Colonials into 33 turnovers on their way to an 88-57 rout.

Yow was very pleased with her team's performance against the Buccaneers, especially the freshmen Rachel Stockdale, Kelly Greathouse, Kendra Bell and Liz Bailey all contributed to the team with their hustle, toughness and aggressiveness.

The Pack is in the middle of a five-game stretch in which it will play four games against nationally ranked teams. Nevertheless, Yow feels her team is ready to take on the Volunteers. The coach had nothing but praise for the Vol players, including forward Gwen Jackson and point guard Kara Lawson, and expects a hard-fought, physical battle to take place on the hardwood at the Wide World of Sports.

For State to win, Yow believes that her players must play physical, tough-nosed basketball, avoid turnovers, win the rebounding battle and, most importantly, be mentally focused.

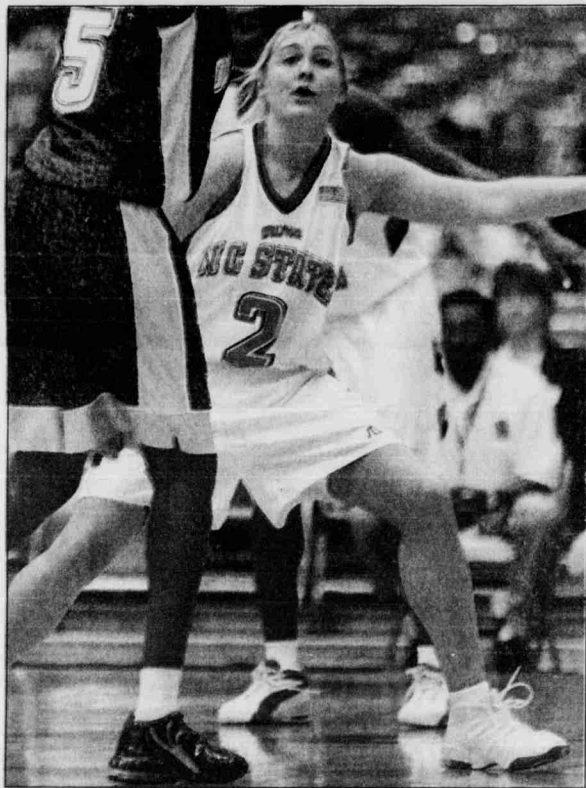
"We're going to have to be ready — not just physically, but mentally," Yow said. "We cannot turn the ball over, get pounded on the boards, and we must play great team defense."

One of State's most important keys is to win the rebounding battle, which is much easier said than done. Tennessee is currently second in the nation in rebounding margin, averaging 11 more rebounds than its opponents. State will need to win the offensive and defensive rebounding battle to help supplement its up-tempo game plan.

The Pack must also limit its turnovers to avoid falling behind the Vols. Tennessee's opponents are averaging 26 turnovers per game and only scoring 63.5 points per game compared to the Vols' 95.3 points per game.

Another key for this game could be the play of the freshmen. Both schools have nationally ranked freshmen classes, and they will be called on to contribute to their teams. Tennessee freshmen Shyra Ely, Brittany Jackson, Michelle Munoz and Loree Moore have made immediate impacts in the early-season success of the Vols. The Pack also boasts of a group of talented freshmen, including Stockdale, who led the Pack in scoring with a career-high 18 points against the Buccaneers.

State post players Carisse Moody and Kaayla Chones must contribute offensively while limiting the effectiveness of Vol post players Jackson and Michelle Snow, and the perimeter defense must limit the shot attempts of sharp-shooting Vols Lawson and April McDVitt.



Rachel Stockdale scored a career-high 18 points Wednesday night against Charleston Southern in M.C. State's 99-45 win against the Buccaneers. The Wolfpack travels to Orlando, Fla., Sunday to play No. 2 Tennessee in the Honda Elite Classic. The game is scheduled to tip off at 1 p.m. and will be televised on ESPN.



The Wolfpack shot 80.8 percent in the second half of Wednesday night's win.

Wrestlers head to desert for tourney

◆ The Wolfpack heads west to take on some of wrestling's best at the Las Vegas Open.

Jay Kohler

Staff Writer

Las Vegas, the neon-lit gambling capital of the world, will have more than gamblers to deal with this weekend.

The N.C. State wrestling team is currently in "Sin City" preparing for the Las Vegas Open, which will be held today and Saturday. The Wolfpack expects to meet stiff competition in Vegas, where "about 55-60 teams" will be competing this weekend, according to assistant wrestling coach Carter Jordan.

Among the teams competing this weekend will be five teams ranked in the top 10 in the country, including

third-ranked Michigan.

"I think we're going to do well," Jordan said. "This is the closest tournament to our NCAA Tournament that these kids can experience all year long."

It's early in the season, and these guys are working very hard. I think as long as we compete hard, that's really what we're looking for, is the kids to go out there and really compete hard and get this experience."

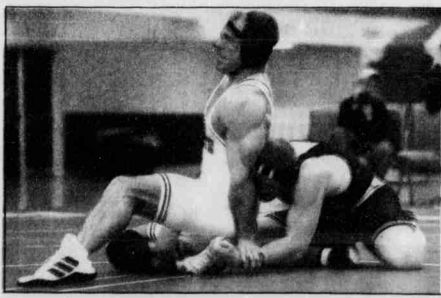
State should have some momentum on its side as it prepares for this weekend. The team placed fifth at the Navy Invitational two weeks ago. State had seven of its wrestlers earn top-six finishes in the tournament.

Pierre Pryor had a second-place finish for the Pack at 165 pounds, and Ngzoi Collins finished third in heavyweight competition. The Pack also had four pins during the course of the tournament.

"This is a work in process, and we're just gearing ourselves toward the conference tournament and the NCAA's in March," Jordan said. "It's a long way away. Overall, I think we did a great job."

Another thing that the Pack has going for it is the return of defending ACC champion George Cintron to the lineup. Cintron missed the Pack's match against Appalachian State and the Navy Tournament due to the untimely passing of his brother. In the open, Cintron will be wrestling in the 125-pound weight class for the Pack.

"We're really looking forward to



The wrestling team will face some of the top squads in the country this weekend at the Las Vegas Open.

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